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COMINFIL OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, IS-C. RE AIRTEL FROM PHILADELPHIA 10/29/54.

WFO HAS NO INFO RE ANY CP MEMBERS' BEING NAMED TO ATTEND "SEABOARD CONFERENCE" OF NAACP. BUREAU, PHILADELPHIA, AND NY WILL BE ADVISED IF ANY SUCH INFO RECEIVED.

0-1 12-2-54 San Francisco - Camp consider to Bureau 2-10-54. Rept will be submitted [redacted]

0-1 11-26-54 Denver Rept will be submitted 11-24-54. Camp immediately per Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

0-1 Cleveland 11-26-54 Rept will be submitted within dictation showed no Bureau by 11-29-54. Camp immediately per Bureau 2-10-54. [redacted]

0-1 Knoxville. 11-22-54 Rept submitted - Knoxville letter to Bureau, CC, NY submitted 12-8-54. Camp inspection Bulet 2-10-54. Camp immediately per Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

0-1 Indianapolis 11-26 Rept will be submitted by 12-10-54. Camp. 4 per Bulet 2-10- [redacted]

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cc - Philadelphia (100-9973) ([redacted])
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0-1 to Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Indpls., Knoxville, Minneapolis, New Haven, New York, San Antonio, San Francisco - 11/18/54 - Report expected - [redacted] - Rec

0-1 New Haven 11-24-54 Rept will be submitted 12/10/54. Pending Indpls. - Rec in preparation. Camp above immediately, Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

Mr. Belmont

0-1 San Antonio, 11-23-54 Pending Dallas, Lee Tab 11/4/54 Pending camp immediately per Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

0-1 Dallas, 11-23-54 Rept will be submitted by 12-3-54. Camp immediately per Bulet [redacted]

0-1 New York. 11- Reference NY auth Report to be sub- Camp immediately Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

0-1 [illegible] 11-22 Rept submitted 11-8-54 Camp immediately per Bulet 2-10-54 [redacted]

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To : Director, FBI (61-3176) 11/3/54

FROM : SAC, New York (100-7629)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE COLORED PEOPLE IS-C

b 7C Reference report of SA [redacted] dated 7/19/54, at New York.

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TITLE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CHARACTER OF CASE
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

The Providence Evening Bulletin, a newspaper at Providence, Rhode Island reflects that FRED R. EVERS and DAVID KOLODOFF have been named to the Executive Committee of the NAACP. [redacted] is either an official or a member of the NAACP, Providence, Rhode Island and [redacted] is also a Communist Party member. b7D

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The New England Negro Labor Council is an affiliate of the National Negro Labor Council. The National Negro Labor Council has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The December 12, 1953 issued of the Providence Evening Bulletin, a newspaper of Providence, Rhode Island on page 4, reflects that FRED R. BYERS and DAVID KOLODOFF were named to the Executive Committee of the NAACP.

b2 b7D b7C [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was either a member of or an official of the NAACP at Providence.

b2 b7C [redacted] advised that on September 22, 1954 [redacted] Rhode Island was observed picking up one [redacted] in her car at [redacted] stated that [redacted] took [redacted] who is a negro; to her home and that [redacted] and [redacted] stayed in her home from approximately 4:30 P.M. to 11:30 P.M. on the above date.

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	NOV 4 1954	10/18,21/54	[redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Informant advised officers of Salt Lake Chapter NAACP not changed in past six months. [redacted]

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DETAILS: [redacted] advised that the officers of the Salt Lake City Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has not changed in the past six months. [redacted] advised the officers still consist of the following:

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President	EVA E. ROBINSON
Vice President	ROBERG LEWIS
Secretary	BEULAH YOUNG
Treasurer	HARMON COLE

[redacted]

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One copy of this report is being furnished the New York Office inasmuch as that office covers national headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

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THE SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Will follow and report the activities of Communists in the Salt Lake Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] dated 3/31/54 at Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Mississippi State Conference of Branches

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DR. E. J. STRINGER, COLUMBUS

Columbus, Mississippi
October 29, 1954

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On the occasion of the Ninth Annual Convention of the Mississippi State Conference of NAACP Branches, November 5, 6, 7, 1954, in Jackson, Mississippi, those of us in Mississippi who are now engaged in the work of helping to further advance the ideals and principles of democracy would be very much encouraged in this endeavor if we could receive greetings from you in the form of a letter or telegram. The theme of the Convention is: "Preparation for Integration."

Substituting for our esteemed Executive Secretary, Walter White, who is now hospitalized in New York, Clarence Mitchell, Director of the Washington Bureau of the NAACP will deliver a major address during the Convention.

Yours very truly,

E. J. Stringer

E. J. Stringer, D.D.S., President
Mississippi State Conference of NAACP Branches
P. O. Box 146
114½ South 4th Street
Columbus, Mississippi

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Dr. E. J. Stringer
President
Mississippi State Conference of
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Post Office Box 146
Columbus, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Stringer:

In the absence of Mr. Hoover from the city, I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter of October 29, 1954.

I deeply regret that Mr. Hoover's absence from the city makes it impossible for him to comply with your request; however, I know he will appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

NOTE: In view of the controversial nature of the subject of integration, it is not deemed advisable for the Director to either write a letter or prepare a statement congratulating this group since the theme of their convention is "Preparation for Integration."

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TITLE

COMINFIL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

CHARACTER OF CASE

INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Local chapters of the NAACP located at Burlington, Ottumwa, Davenport, Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids, and Waterloo, Iowa, and in Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., No Communist domination or control of these locals. GRACE SCUDDER [redacted] is Secretary of the Omaha Chapter of the NAACP. Region Four, Leadership Training Conference held in Omaha, Neb., 4/23-25/54; all sessions of this convention under complete control of NAACP officers and no information developed of Communist domination of Training Conference. Main concern of the Conference was the end of all discrimination.

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DETAILS:

For brevity the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hereinafter be referred to as the NAACP.

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Where information is available indicating Communist Party membership or sympathies on the part of local officers this will be set forth. These individuals mentioned hereinafter of whom no additional information appears other than the listing of their names and local positions held are not known to be Communist Party members or to possess Communist Party sympathies.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT BURLINGTON, IOWA:

[redacted] has observed nothing which would indicate that any person of a subversive nature was attempting to infiltrate this organization and [redacted] knows of no individuals who are members of the Burlington chapter who are Communist Party members or possess Communist Party sympathies. [redacted]

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[redacted] the following names of the officers of the Burlington, Iowa branch of the NAACP:

DE EDWIN WHITE, President,
LLOYD MAFFIT, Vice-President,
MARIE JOHNSON, Secretary,
Mrs. LYDIA COOLE, Treasurer.

The following investigation was conducted by [redacted]

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AT DAVENPORT, IOWA:

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knows of no attempts by anyone connected with subversive organizations to infiltrate the local chapter of the NAACP. [redacted] stated that this organization was somewhat inactive, however, [redacted] advised the following are officers of the Davenport chapter of the NAACP:

Iowa.

NATHANIEL H. BUTLER, President,
Mrs. FRANK (MARY C.) CAMP, Secretary,
Mrs. JULIUS COLLINS, Treasurer.

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b2 b7D [redacted] the above are the only officers of the chapter known [redacted] The Informant stated in [redacted] opinion the above persons are all loyal Americans.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT DES MOINES, IOWA:

b2 b7D [redacted] the following are officers of the Des Moines branch of the NAACP:

ANGELE M. GREELIEF, President,
GEORGE WELLS, Vice-President,
Mrs. GUY GREEN, Secretary,
Mrs. HERSCHEL E. HUBBARD, Assistant Secretary,
J. B. MORRIS, JR., Treasurer.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA:

[redacted] made available the names of the officers of the Sioux City branch of the NAACP which are as follows:

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Rabbi ALBERT A. GORDON President,
Mrs. BERTHA WELLHAUSEN, First Vice-President,
Mrs. NAOMI P. DOBSON, Second Vice-President,
Miss HELEN KENDRICK, Secretary,
Mrs. HELEN CROSSWHITE, Treasurer.

[redacted] there has never been any indication of Communist infiltration in the branch of the NAACP located in Sioux City.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT OTTUMWA, IOWA:

b2 b7D [redacted] the following persons are the only officers of the Ottumwa chapter of

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NAACP: OFFICER of the Ottumwa, Iowa Branch of NAACP

ROY CHARLES WINSTON, President,
Reverend EVERETT C. ALLEN, Treasurer,
ALFO WINSTON, Secretary.

[redacted] the above individuals are [redacted] considered them all loyal American citizens.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA:

[redacted] the following are the officers of the local branch of the NAACP in Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

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Reverend CHARLES CLEVELAND, President,
EMMA TURNER, Vice-President,
ESTELLA TURNER, Secretary,
VIOLA GIBSON, Treasurer.

[redacted] all members and the officers of the NAACP branch in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, are loyal citizens and have no Communist Party interests or sympathies.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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AT WATERLOO, IOWA:

[redacted] the following are officers of the Waterloo, Iowa chapter of the NAACP:

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Reverend GEORGE STINSON, President,
THOMAS S. NORMAN, Vice-President,
Mrs. AUGUSTUS C. ANDERSON, Treasurer,
Mrs. ROBERT L. ADEN, Secretary,

[redacted] had no information ever come to his attention which might indicate Communist infiltration of the local chapter of the NAACP.

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]

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LINCOLN, NEBRASKA:

b2 [redacted] the
b7D Lincoln, Nebraska chapter of the NAACP is still in an inactive status, however, the following are the officers who were elected in 1952:

JAMES WADKINS, President,
STELLA DAVIS, Secretary-Treasurer,
LAWRENCE K. SMITH, Vice-President.

b7D [redacted] knowledge they are loyal Americans.

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

b2 [redacted] the
b7D following are officers of the Omaha chapter of the NAACP:

Reverend E. T. STREETER, President,
J. C. COLLINS, First Vice-President,
Mrs. ROBBIE DAVIS, Second Vice-President,
Mrs. MILTON LEWIS, Treasurer,
Mrs. GRACE SCUDDER, Secretary.

b2 [redacted] these individuals are believed to be
b7D loyal Americans. [redacted] knowledge there has been no Communist Party infiltration into the organization and further revealed that the majority of the people connected with the organization are all known [redacted] people of good standing in the community.

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The Communist Political Association has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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An article appeared in the "Des Moines Tribune" newspaper on November 1, 1954, which reflected that Miss BETTY JANE HOLSTEIN of Burlington, Iowa, on October 30, 1954, was elected President of the Iowa Branch of the NAACP. The article points out that other officers elected included:

WILMER JOHNSON, Marshalltown, Iowa, First Vice-President,
ARCHIE M. GREENLEE, Des Moines, Iowa, Second Vice-President,
Mrs. VIOLA GIBSON, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Treasurer,
Mrs. L. SMITH, Burlington, Iowa, Corresponding Secretary,
Mrs. LEOLA HUBBARD, Des Moines, Iowa, Recording Secretary,

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[redacted] a meeting of Region Four, Leadership Training Conference was held in Omaha April 23,24,25, 1954. [redacted] knowledge there was no attempt by anyone to [redacted] any Communist Party philosophies into the Conference. [redacted]

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An article appeared in the "Omaha World Herald" newspaper on April 24, 1954, which reflects the following information. It states that the NAACP hopes to work itself out of business in the next nine years. It quotes GLOSTER B. CURRENT, the New York Director of Branches for the National Organization as stating; "We hope to finish the job of attaining freedom by 1963 - the 100th. Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation". The article stated that Mr. CURRENT said the primary targets of the NAACP are: (1). Elimination of segragation and discrimination in education. "People in the deep South are now being conditioned to accept the integration of schools." (2). The end of segregated housing. "If you live in a segregated neighborhood, you go to a segregated school." (3). Improved employment opportunities.

An article appeared in the "Omaha World Herald" newspaper of April 26, 1954, which reflected that the Conference held a banquet at Creighton University at which time a check for $1,014.70 was given to the National Officers of the NAACP by the Omaha, Nebraska branch. It stated that the money was raised by local solicitation and at a dance in November, 1953 as part of a nation-wide compaign to "end discrimination by 1963".

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In addition to local branches of the NAACP as set forth in this report. Investigation and inquiry relative to local chapters was conducted in the following cities and it was found that these cities do not have local chapters of the NAACP.

NEBRASKA:

Scottsbluff; Norfolk; Columbus; Grand Island; North Platte.

IOWA:

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THE OMAHA DIVISION:

AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA:

Will follow and report any CP infiltration into the local branches of the NAACP in Iowa and Nebraska.

REFERENCE

b7C Report of SA [redacted] Omaha, dated 4/13/54.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT MINNEAPOLIS

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE IN MINNESOTA AND SOUTH DAKOTA	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Current officers, prior to 1955 elections, NAACP Chapters in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth, Minn., and Sioux Falls, S.D., set out. [redacted] b7D Sources report no current organized effort by CP to infiltrate local chapters of NAACP and no indication of any CP control or influence of NAACP affairs. EVA BELISLE [redacted] resigned as secretary, St. Paul Chapter, NAACP [redacted]

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DETAILS:

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For the purpose of brevity, subject organization will be referred to hereinafter as NAACP.

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SCOPE AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

No additional pertinent information has been developed in this connection.

OFFICERS AND ADMINISTRATION

Individuals known to have Communist Party or other subversive affiliations are set out under Subversive Ramifications.

Minnesota State Conference

As of November, 1954, the following officers continue to serve on the Minnesota State Conference, NAACP:

President	Reverend DENZIL A. CARTY St. Paul, Minnesota
First Vice President	Vacant due to resignation of J. NATHANIEL SMITH, St. Paul, Minnesota, due to ill health.
Second Vice President	Vacant due to death of GEORGE W. DOZIER, Duluth, Minnesota, September 26, 1954.
Treasurer	FRANK M. SMITH St. Paul, Minnesota
Secretary	DORIS OLDS Minneapolis, Minnesota

The State Board remains generally the same with the exception of the current inactivity of GEORGE R. LUND, Duluth, Minnesota.

On November 13, 1954, the Minnesota State Conference, NAACP, will hold a State Convention at Duluth, Minnesota. At this event, the new officers and State Board members for 1955 will be delegated and it is anticipated that Reverend CARTY, FRANK SMITH and Mrs. OLDS will continue in office.

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Minneapolis Branch

The 1954 officers of the Minneapolis Chapter, NAACP, continue to serve as follows:

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President	WILLIAM E. CRATIC, JR.
Vice President	Reverend L. C. HARRIS
Secretary	ANNACELE JOHNSON, newly delegated.
Treasurer	NELLIE STONE JOHNSON

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Currently, active members of the Executive Board are:

L. HOWARD BENNETT
Legal Redress Committee

JONAS G. SCHWARTZ
Legal Redress Committee

HENRY R. THOMAS
Legal Redress Committee

WILLIAM LELAND
Legal Redress Committee

EDWARD L. BOYD

ANTHONY B. CASSIUS

SHELTON GRANGER

Reverend L. C. HARRIS

SIDNEY LOEBER, Chairman
Nominating Committee

MOSES BLACKWILL, Chairman
Membership Committee

The Minneapolis Branch continues to hold regular monthly meetings, generally the third Sunday of each month at the Phyllis Wheatley House, Minneapolis. The Branch is currently in the midst of a membership drive with a hoped-for roll of 1,000 members. As a result of current interest in Negro rights and the segregation ruling by the Supreme Court, there is an increase in contributions and general support of NAACP in Minneapolis, but it is not anticipated that the membership of the Minneapolis Branch will exceed the present total of about 500 members.

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St. Paul Branch

Current officers of the St. Paul Branch, NAACP are:

President	FRANK M. SMITH
First Vice President	Mrs. ADDIE C. FEW
Second Vice President	JOSEPH E. JOHNSON
Treasurer	Mrs. LULU K. KING
Secretary	LEONARD H. CARTER
Assistant Secretary	CHARLES W. PETERS

LEONARD H. CARTER was named in June, 1954, by the Branch Executive Board to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of EVA BELISLE, former secretary.

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Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Branch

The current 1954 officers of the Sioux Falls Chapter, NAACP, are as follows:

President	BEA HAMILTON, 702 East 6th Street Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Vice President	JAMES MOXLEY, Seville Apartments Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Secretary	GEORGIA DEE, Moxley Shop, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Chaplain	Reverend HENRY W. BOTTS, JR., 326 North Minnesota Avenue Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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The Sioux Falls Chapter, NAACP, has approximately 30 to 40 members but does not have a regular office or meeting place.

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SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

CP Infiltration of NAACP

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

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Generally, there is no indication either in Minneapolis Branch activities or in the State Conference, NAACP of any effort on the part of the CP or CP front groups to infiltrate, control or influence the activities, policies or program of the NAACP.

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Socialist Workers Party Infiltration of NAACP

The Socialist Workers Party, SWP, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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EVA BELISLE, Secretary, St. Paul Chapter, NAACP, resigned her position with that organization in June, 1954, due to ill health in her family.

Source: St. Paul Pioneer Press
June 28, 1954

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-3176)

DATE: November 15, 1954

FROM : SAC, HOUSTON (100-9032)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, HOUSTON DIVISION
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In accordance with recommendations made as a result of the recent inspection of the Houston office by Inspector [redacted] regarding captioned subject, this is to advise that photostatic copies of below listed reports were furnished to ONI, New Orleans; G2, Fort Sam Houston; and OSI, Kelly AFB, Texas, for domestic intelligence purposes:

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Reports of SA [redacted] dated 4/19/54, 6/30/54; and 9/7/54 at Houston.

Subsequent reports on captioned subject will be disseminated to these government agencies.

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Mr Edgar J. Hoover
F.B.I.
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr Hoover:
Would deeply appreciate if you would send me the names of the national ~~[illegible]~~ Association for Adv. for Colored People. officers that have been fried out found guilty of Communism.
These people should be known to the public. You don't come into personal contact with the average class of people, so you don't realize how the public know about Communism and how they operate. I do a lot of reading on Communism and its operation and have seen lots of films while in service. That is one of the largest and most dangerous enemies this country has to day: I want to help fight it by bringing these people to the eyes of the public.
Hoping to hear from you on this matter I am

Respectfully Yours

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Allison Ga.

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P.S. You Dept has done and are doing good on this matter.

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Hoping to hear from you on this matter I am

Yours Truly

/S/ [redacted]

Albany Ga

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Albany, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pate:

Your letter postmarked November 6, 1954, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to take this occasion also to point out that this Bureau is strictly a fact-finding agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication.

I know you will understand the reason for these rules and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing some material available for distribution on the general subject of Communism which you might find of interest.

Your kind words concerning the work being done by the FBI are indeed gratifying. I hope that our efforts will continue to merit your esteem.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Enclosures (4)
How To Fight Communism
God Or Chaos?
Unmasking The Communist Masquerader
Where Do We Stand Today With Communism In the U. S..

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NOTE: Frequently inquiries are received concerned the NAACP, and some information has been made available to the Bureau tha this organization has become infiltrated in certain areas. Th [illegible] counter-Communism.

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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	11-17-54	7/24;9/18,27; 10/11;11/9/54	ME [redacted]

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE - MEMPHIS BRANCH	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

NAACP continues to operate in Memphis through a city branch for adults and the LeMoyne College Branch for students. Both branches have been practically dormant through the summer months and only beginning to resume activity. Although CP continues to be interested in the NAACP, it has lost some influence [redacted]

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DETAILS: All informants referred to hereinafter are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated. 4/22/92

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

This report will cover the activities of the NAACP in Memphis, Tennessee and includes the Memphis Branch for Adults and the Youth Branch, which is located at LeMoyne College, 807 Walker Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

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On October 11, 1954, it was determined that the Adult Branch was also dormant for the summer months. [redacted]

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that there had been no change in the scope and general activities of the NAACP in this city. Informant stated that the NAACP was continuing to work in a moderate and gradual manner toward the alleviation of restrictions on the colored race in Memphis.

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II. LOCAL OFFICERS

It will be noted that the officers of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP continue to be those previously set out who were elected on January 3, 1954. These individuals are not being listed herein. It will be noted that no information has been received which would indicate that they are active in any manner in any subversive activity.

On September 18, 1954, it was determined that CLIFTON JOHNSON is returning to LeMoyne College as an instructor and will become the faculty advisor for the Youth Branch.

JOHNSON is taking over this position because of the departure of PHILLIP JACK LORENZ from LeMoyne College, which will be discussed further hereinafter. [redacted]

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III. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF NAACP IN MEMPHIS

On April 7, 1954, a forum on race relations was held at Sienna College under the joint sponsorship of the LeMoyne Chapter of the NAACP and Newman Club, the latter being an organization of Catholic college students in Memphis, primarily at Memphis State College. [redacted]

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The meeting was attended by approximately thirty LeMoyne College students who were members of the NAACP and approximately an equal number of white students from either Sienna College or Memphis State College. [redacted]

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b7C [redacted] It is pointed out that [redacted], and [redacted] have all attempted to take an active part in the affairs of the Youth Chapter of the NAACP at LeMoyne College.

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Regarding the above joint forum held on April 7, 1954 at Sienna College, one individual described this meeting as being a complete failure from the standpoint of the NAACP [redacted]

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[redacted] the meeting had been promoted by the NAACP as the beginning of its spring membership drive and it was their intention to spend considerable time in encouraging the members of the Newman Club to join the NAACP. [redacted] however, that the meeting was dominated by the Catholic students in the Newman Club who monopolized the meeting by discussing the

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views of the Catholic Church on racial matters.

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IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS OF NAACP IN MEMPHIS

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Regarding these criminal trials in Memphis, Tennessee, it will be noted that the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist publication, issue of October 21, 1954 on page 8 carried a story, date line Memphis, Tennessee, October 20, which was entitled "Bare Double Standard in Tennessee Justice." This article points out that BISHOP was sentenced to not more than five years in the penitentiary whereas JOHN HALE was now in the Shelby County Jail under a death sentence. According to the article, Reverend VAN J. MALONE, President of the NAACP chapter, had attended the entire BISHOP trial.

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On July 13, 1954, it was determined that [redacted] was receiving the "National Guardian" at his home, [redacted] and that this subscription was to expire in September, 1954.

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Regarding the "National Guardian", it will be noted the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited this paper as a publication launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation which the committee found from its inception to have been "notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management, and content."

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THE MEMPHIS DIVISION:

AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

Will continue to follow and report activities in instant organization.

REFERENCE: Report of SA [redacted] dated 5-11-54 at Memphis.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Officers, NAACP Branches, Denver, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo, Colorado remain the same. Colorado Branches of NAACP to hold election of officers on 12/5/54.

b7D [redacted]

b1 [redacted] Neither had information indicating control or domination of NAACP by CP.

b7D [redacted] Two Denver Negro school teachers in the Denver Public School system released by school board following disclosure by Gov. DAN THORNTON that one had been a member of the CP and the other had looked at three white women in a "strange way". Denver Branch NAACP released news article condemning this action and reportedly was to furnish legal counsel for defense of these teachers; however, no action taken in this regard. MERRITT GORDON, attorney and president, Pueblo Branch, NAACP, main speaker at annual banquet, Colorado Springs Branch, NAACP, during 10/54, condemned CP.

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No information available under this category.

II. OFFICERS

A. DENVER BRANCH

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This informant advised on October 22, 1954 that there have been no changes in the officers of the Denver Branch, NAACP.

B. COLORADO SPRINGS BRANCH

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C. PUEBLO BRANCH

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This informant advised there have been no changes in the officers of the Pueblo Branch with the exception that the Treasurer, R. B. THURMAN, is now deceased.

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Informant stated that the Pueblo Branch, as well as other Colorado NAACP Branches, will hold election of officers on December 5, 1954.

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D. CASPER, WYOMING BRANCH

No changes in the officers of the Casper, Wyoming Branch, NAACP, have been reported.

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

No information available under this category.

IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

A. CONNECTIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY

The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[redacted] The only information this informant had was that he knew CP members were asked to go to meetings of the NAACP and recalled it was pointed out to members of the CP through their literature and other means that CP members should join different organizations and attempt to influence these organizations to go along with the CP line.

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[redacted] Informant was of the opinion the NAACP at Boulder, Colorado was never dominated or controlled by the CP; however, [redacted] it was informant's belief that the CP was attempting to recruit members of the NAACP into the CP and in this way gain control and be able to dominate the NAACP.

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B. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY LINE

Denver Post,
Denver Daily Newspaper

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The Denver Post of May 10, 1954 contained an article which stated Governor DAN THORNTON of Colorado took full credit for giving school districts information about the alleged subversive activities of certain teachers, which resulted in the firing of nine Colorado teachers.

This article pointed out that the Colorado Federation of Teachers (AF of L) demanded that three of the teachers - all in the metropolitan Denver area be restored to their positions and afforded hearings on the charges brought against them. The Federation noted that these teachers were informed that they were not being rehire for the 1954-55 school year.

The Denver Post of May 11, 1954 stated that three of five school teachers to be afforded State Level Hearings on their alleged subversive backgrounds, categorically deny Communist leanings and want to be afforded a chance to confront their accusers.

One of these identified in the article as KEVE BRAY, 29, a Negro teacher at Cole Junior High School in Denver, told the Denver Post that he had been asked by the Superintendent of Schools, if he was a member of the CP in 1943 at Massillon, Ohio and if he had attended a peace meeting in Chicago, which was addressed by PAUL ROBESON.

The Denver Post newspaper for August 19, 1954 stated that a request for reinstatement of two Colorado Junior High School teachers, KEVE BRAY and JAMES L. JOHNSON, had been rejected by the School Board. The article pointed out that JOHNSON had said he was similarly dropped because three white women anonymously accused him of looking at them in a "strange way"; however, the School Board pointed out that the suggestion that race prejudice was at the root of the case "is the fartherest thing from the truth."

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[redacted] KEVE BRAY was attempting to secure support from the NAACP over his expulsion from the Denver Public Schools. [redacted]

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[redacted] in October 1954 that the Denver Branch NAACP formally dropped all plans to seek funds or furnish legal support to BRAY and JOHNSON. [redacted]

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Denver Inquirer
Denver weekly Negro newspaper

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The Denver Inquirer issue of July 2, 1954 contained the following statement from the Denver Branch NAACP:

"NAACP DENOUNCES SCHOOL BOARD'S ACTION ON TEACHERS"

"The Denver Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People condemns in the strongest terms the failure of the Denver School Board to continue in employment two teachers at Cole Junior High School because of certain unproven and unsupported charges against them.

"In the case of Keve Brey we find him to have been charged with subversion based on a statement emanating from the Governor's office. Yet the Governor's office has refused to make known the nature of the acts charged against him and the school board in complete disregard of fair play and the American tradition has acted upon these unsupported charges as if they were proven.

"In the case of James Johnson we find the principal of Cole Junior High accusing him of looking at a white woman in a "strange" way. Yet this principal has refused to state when this occurred and who the woman was. Here again we find the Denver School Board acting upon the unproven charges as being true, and in utter disregard of American Democratic principles.

"We call upon the Denver School Board to reverse its position in these cases and extend to the accusers an invitation to appear and confront the accused and to afford said teachers with an opportunity to defend themselves.

"Should the school board refuse to take such action then incommon fairness they should follow the action taken by the Colorado Board of Regents in a similar situation, where the Regents refused to act on similar unproven charges.

"The refusal to take any further action in connection with these two cases leaves us no alternative except to condemn as totalitarian and un-American the conduct of

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the School Board and to accuse it of not having the intestinal fortitude to stand against the hysterical tide of McCarthyism which today sweeps our nation."

[redacted] the above news article was a press release furnished by ALBERT S. FISHER, President, Denver Branch NAACP.

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Confidential Informants [redacted] in the Denver area have no information to indicate that [redacted] is a member of the CP; however, these informants have indicated that [redacted] has associated with persons who are known to informants as past or present members of the CP.

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C. EFFORTS OF NAACP TO ELIMINATE CP INFILTRATION

Colorado Springs Free Press
Colorado Springs, Colorado

In the October 15, 1954 edition of the Colorado Springs Free Press appeared an article pertaining to the 7th Annual Banquet of the Colorado Springs Branch of the NAACP. The article pointed out that MERRITT GORDON, Attorney and President of the Pueblo Branch NAACP, was the featured speaker on the subject of Communism.

A portion of this article, which indicates the trend of GORDON's speech, is set out as follows:

"Communists claim a bourgeoisie capitalism exists in the United States and that the men that own the machines are oppressing labor, according to Gordon. He said the Communists would have us eliminate what they call the property owner class, "But there are few men in this country who are not capitalists in that they own stocks, bonds, property or some other source of capital.

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"The first doctrine of Communism is the eradication of the property owner and the second is the dictatorship of the proletariat, the speaker continued. The Communists do not believe the masses are intelligent enough to rule and so a few take over until the people are able to rule, he said. Gordon said that is where the system breaks down, and that is where Russia is today. The ruling few do not want to give up their power to the masses, he asserted.

"Those in control in Russia feel this system is best for the world, and they have set up schools and recruited people from all over the world to teach the system and preach and overthrow of governments opposed to this type of system, Gordon said.

"He told the banquet that the espionage act and the Smith act, passed in 1940, are the most important weapons this country has to deal with Communists who would overthrow the government. He explained that the Rosenbergs were convicted under the espionage act for giving secrets to a foreign agent. The act prevents giving this country's secrets to any other nation, friendly or hostile, he said."

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AT DENVER, COLORADO

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Will follow and report pertinent activities of the NAACP in the Colorado and Wyoming areas.

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Report of SA [redacted] dated 5/5/54 at Denver.

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DATE: November 30, 1954

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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE
Albany Division
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Reference Bureau letter to Albany dated November 2, 1954 and report of SA [redacted] dated October 21, 1954 at Albany.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of amended page 2 of referenced report setting forth the correct documentation of the Communist Party.

Enclosed for New York are three copies of the above amended page. New York is requested to furnish ONI and G-2 their respective copies of this correction.

Albany has taken the appropriate steps to correct its copies of referenced report and the copy disseminated to OSI, Sampson, New York.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE (CLEVELAND AREA)	INTERNAL SECURITY - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CHARLES P. LUCAS replaced by GERARD A. ANDERSON as Executive Secretary, Cleveland NAACP. [redacted]

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DETAILS: AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

All informants in this report are of known reliability unless otherwise indicated.

I. OFFICERS

Source: "Cleveland Press"
May 14, 1954

Under the caption, "Lucas Resigns as NAACP Aide for Cleveland," an article in above local daily newspaper reflects that CHARLES P. LUCAS, Executive Secretary of the Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) had resigned to accept a position with another business concern. Article related that he had been Secretary of the Cleveland Branch for nine years and that membership grew from 5,000 to over 10,000 in that time.

Article stated that LUCAS' assistant, GERARD A. ANDERSON, would be Acting Secretary until a permanent appointment could be made. This article also stated Doctor JAMES E. LEVY was President of the Cleveland Branch.

Source: "Cleveland Call and Post"
July 17, 1954

The above issue of a local Cleveland Negro newspaper, under caption "Cleveland NAACP Okays Anderson for Lucas' Post", reflects that GERARD A. ANDERSON had been named Executive Secretary of the Cleveland NAACP. Announcement was made by the President of the Cleveland Branch, Dr. JAMES E. LEVY.

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It is noted that the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source: "Cleveland Call and Post"
September 25, 1954, page 1

Under the caption "State NAACP Set to Fight Hillsboro Case", this paper set forth the following as Ohio State officers from the Cleveland area:

First Vice President: Attorney ROBERT FRANKLIN
Toledo, Ohio

Members of Board of Directors:

J. MAYNARD DICKERSON
Youngstown, Ohio

L. PEARL MITCHELL
Cleveland, Ohio

MARGARET (MARGUERITE) NASH
Akron, Ohio

b1 [redacted] JC In addition the "Cleveland Plain Dealer", a local Cleveland daily newspaper, of February 3, 1941, reflects that Miss L. PEARL MITCHELL was one of the directors of the OCPFB. [redacted]

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advised in 1941 that he considered Miss L. PEARL MITCHELL a loyal American citizen.

On May 27, 1948, the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born (ACPFB) was cited as a Communist organization pursuant to Executive Order 9835 and is presently cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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It is noted that a letter from the Attorney General to the Loyalty Review Board, U. S. Civil Service Commission, dated November 24, 1947, listed 47 organizations which had previously been designated by the Attorney General as subversive in connection with Executive Order 9300 dated February 5, 1943, and additional organizations were designated in this letter for consideration under Executive Order 9835. The National Negro Congress was mentioned in above letter of November 24, 1947. Further, the National Negro Congress has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source: "Cleveland Call and Post"
September 11, 1954

An article in the above publication datelined at Canton, Ohio, under caption "Ohio NAACP Youth Confab Meets in Warren Sept. 18", sets forth information describing the 7th Annual Convention of this youth group.

Article states that a panel discussion on several topics was scheduled to be held and listed the following as participants from the Cleveland area:

1) Mrs. ZORA C. HELM, Secretary of the National NAACP Youth Work Committee, from Canton, Ohio.
2) VIRGINIA ALLEN, Advisor, Akron Council.
3) WILLIAM ELIGE, Advisor, Canton Council.
4) PAUL S. JONES, Advisor, Lima Council.
5) BURNS WESTON, President, Oberlin College Chapter.
6) REBECCA CURRENCE, President of the State Youth Group from Canton.

7) VEREN HENDERSON, appointed as Co-Chairman of the Youth Sessions of the Confab, from Lima.

8) ANNIE RUTH WARNER, Recording Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio.

9) MAGNOLIA HENDERSON, Treasurer from Lima, Ohio.

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The Labor Youth League (LYL) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Source: "Mansfield News-Journal"
October 9, 1954

Above local newspaper at Mansfield, Ohio, listed the following as officers of the Mansfield Chapter of the NAACP:

GEORGE H. BINGHAM - President

JOHN H. DAVIS - Vice President

DORIS MC COWELL - Secretary

DORIS CURRETON - Assistant Secretary

CHARLES HENDERSON - Treasurer

In addition to the above officers, it is noted REA WINTER, nee WILLIAMSON, reported LYL member who had been successful in joining the NAACP Youth Council, apparently holds some position with the Youth Council.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Source: "Cleveland Call and Post"
May 15, 1954, page 1-A

An article in above publication concerning LUCAS' resignation stated that the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP grew from 5,000 members in 1945 to a high of 11,000 in 1947 when it was the country's largest branch. Article states that Cleveland remained the largest until late 1953 when the Detroit Branch outgrew Cleveland. This article stated that the annual budget of the Cleveland Branch approximated $31,000.

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On October 23, 1954, on page one of above newspaper, an article stated that the 1954 membership campaign had gone over the top in its 8,000 membership drive and $25,000 goal.

III. INDICATIONS OF COMMUNIST INSPIRED ATTEMPTS AT INFILTRATION OF NAACP

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On May 6, 1950 [redacted] advised that an NAACP meeting was held on May 15, 1950, at the Antioch Baptist Church, which meeting was called in protest of police brutality against Negro people. Source advised that the Cleveland Bill of Rights Conference, a known CP front, put out a handbill advertising the meeting and also stated that about fifteen of the approximately one hundred in attendance were regular attendants at publicly advertised CP affairs.

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It is noted that the Civil Rights Congress (CRC) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The National Committee, CP-U.S.A., in issuing its final text of the "Resolution Growing Out of the Presidential Elections" in "Political Affairs", issue of July, 1953, states in substance that in 1948 the CP helped stimulate the formation of the Progressive Party and greatly supported the PP through the 1952 elections. It then states: "However, the mistake our Party made was to confuse this task with the historical task of forming a new mass party of the people. As a consequence there existed the wrong estimate that the formation of the PP represented something more than the simple emergence of an important fighting force for peace; that it represented the emergence of a great mass people's party."

IV. INDICATIONS REFLECTING A LACK OF SUCCESS AT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

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At the National Convention of the Independent Socialist League (designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450) held on

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September 10, 11 and 12, 1954, it was agreed that all Independent Socialist League (ISL) members should try to get into all mass organizations and the NAACP was named as a good organization for this purpose. It was reported that one of the ISL members from Philadelphia was very active in the NAACP branch there.

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VI. CURRENT INFORMANT CHECK

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will follow and report any further indications of CP infiltration into the NAACP or its Youth Council.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA [redacted] 4/20/54, Cleveland.

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Bulet to New York, 2/10/54.

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